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is of for the applicants thanks the examiner for the helpful interview, which was in June 11, 2008.

ins 2, 4-7, 9, and 15-20, 22 and 23-30 are pending. Claims 24-30 are new. Claims 1, and 21 have been canceled. The applicants respectfully request reconsideration and 3. \ this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. įi. ms 2, 7, 9, 15, 19, and 22-23 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated ent Pub. No. 2004/0053044, Moreno ("Moreno"). Claims 4-6, 16-18, and 20 were h, er 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moreno in view of alleged mere 10. hape of component. The independent claims are amended, for example, "wherein chas we sheet comprises a base material and an adhesive layer, the adhesive layer being said awcen the base material and the release sheet so that the release sheet is releasably dis: the adhesive layer of the adhesive sheet portions, wherein the base material and the adl. aver are made of different materials" (claim 2). Support for the amendment is located adh exation as filed, for example, FIG. 1, FIG. 2, FIG. 5. Claims 4, 7, 16, 17 and 20 are in; we recite that "said protective member ... is ... shaped to intrude between the adhesive an: ons so as to partially overlap said adhesive sheet in a radial direction of a roll when  $\mathfrak{s}$ ] $\mathfrak{n}$ the sheet is wound longitudinally into thea roll" (claim 4). Support for this amendment San for example page 5, lines 18-23. is l

adher the adhesive layer of the adhesive sheet portions" as recited in the amended indicated claims. Because the release sheet is releasably adherent to the adhesive layer of the adhesive layer of the sheet portions, the base material and the adhesive layer are peeled off together from the

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release sheet. The adhesive-side surfato the contrary, the adhesive layer is no layer increases the adhesion of the adlis provided on the first side of the back provided on the second side of the bacthe claimed invention.

In addition, according to claim intrude between the adhesive sheet po: radial direction of a roll when said lam examiner contends that Moreno's proteadhesive (20). The overlapping direction other hand, in the current claims, the par action, the examiner suggests clearly rarequest that the examiner carefully reco-

For at least these reasons, the co-7, 16, 17, 19 and 20, when interpreted a references of record. In addition, More

With respect to the rejected depthese claims are allowable not only for: dependency from the independent clain combination.

planar form that is disc ring shaped with

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release sheet has a release property. In Moreno, off from the backing layer because the primer er to the backing layer. Moreno's adhesive layer and a low adhesion backside (LAB) layer is - (Moreno, claims 1, 12). This is the opposite of

17 and 20, the protective member is shaped to is to partially overlap said adhesive sheet in a at is wound longitudinally into the roll." The inber (18) partially overlaps a side of the thereno is the planar direction of the tape. On the rlap is in a radial direction. In the advisory issue. Accordingly, the applicants respectfully the grounds of rejection.

con of features recited in independent claims 2, 4, He, is submitted to patentably distinguish over the the fails to show other recited elements as well. hims, the applicants respectfully submit that ons given above and by virtue of their talso because of additional features they recite in

estral hole-punch portion" and are believed to be

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patentable for this additional reason. Support for the amendment is located for in FIG.

2. Moreno paragraph [0019] discloses that the adhesive segment can be "dot and stripes" where the stripe "is a long narrow band" which can be annular. However the stripe "is a long narrow band" which can be annular. However the stripe "is a long narrow band" which can be annular. However the stripe is a long narrow band" which can be annular. However the stripe is a long narrow band" which can be annular. However the stripe is a long narrow band" which can be annular. However the stripe is a long narrow band" which can be annular. However the stripe is a long narrow band" which can be annular. However the stripe is a long narrow band" which can be annular. However the stripe is a long narrow band" which can be annular. However the stripe is a long narrow band" which can be annular. However the stripe is a long narrow band" which can be annular. However the stripe is a long narrow band" which can be annular. However the stripe is a long narrow band" which can be annular. However the stripe is a long narrow band" which can be annular. However the stripe is a long narrow band" which can be annular. However the stripe is a long narrow band" which can be annular. However the stripe is a long narrow band" which can be annular.

New claims 24-30 are added to recite "a protective portion provided it contact and coextensive with the protective member on a side opposite from the case sheet, wherein the protective member comprises the protective portion and a service sheet portion which is different from said plurality of adhesive sheet portions. In adhesive sheet portion being a different layer than the protective portion." The committee features of the protective member, shown for example in FIG. 6, which is absent the prior art references, and are believed to be allowable for this additional reason.

The applicants respectfully submit that, as described above, the cited at a show or suggest the combination of features recited in the claims. The applicants do not de that the cited art shows any of the elements recited in the claims. However, the applicant de provided specific examples of elements in the claims that are clearly not present in the combination of show or suggest the combination of features recited in the claims. However, the applicant described above, the cited are show or suggest the combination of features recited in the claims. However, the applicant described above, the cited are show or suggest the combination of features recited in the claims. However, the applicant described above, the cited are show or suggest the combination of features recited in the claims. However, the applicant described are provided specific examples of elements in the claims that are clearly not present in the combination of the claims.

The applicants strongly emphasize that one reviewing the prosecution is sould not interpret any of the examples applicants have described herein in connection we inquishing over the cited art as limiting to those specific features in isolation. Rather, for simplicity, the applicants have provided examples of why the claims described distinguishable over the cited references.

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In view of the foregoing, the applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

If there are any problems with the payment of fees, please charge any underpayments and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1147.

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